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Four Sirhan Jurors Chosen

Women Are Tentatively Seated in Trial

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Four women had been tentatively seated as jurors by the end of Tuesday's session of the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial.

And one of the defenders of the 24-year-old Jordanian charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy quoted Sirhan as saying: "I am satisfied with the way things are going."

Seated during the afternoon of the second day of jury selection were Mrs. M. Alicia Duke, divorcee who works for the state lands division, and Mrs. Barbara L. Collins, a telephone worker.

Defense attorney Emile Zola Berman was the one who relayed Sirhan's expression of satisfaction to newsmen.

The selection of four prospective jurors in two days doubled the progress expected by the defense. It said earlier it expected one a day.

Prospective jurors are subject to further challenge when a panel of 12 has been tentatively seated.

Mrs. Rosa Molina, widow and nurse, was the first to be chosen Monday. Miss Carolyn R. Freeman, the telephone clerk, was chosen at Tuesday's morning court session.

Miss Freeman was asked by the defense: "Assuming a defendant is found guilty of first-degree murder and you believe the crime was willful, deliberate and premediated, would you lean toward the death penalty?"

She said: "I think I would. If I were totally sure I would."

Miss Freeman and other potential jurors were questioned about whether they have any bias for or against psychiatrists and psychologists, which both prosecution and defense are expected to call.

Most prospective jurors were dismissed.

Henry W. Jansen, employed by North American Rockwell, said he was deeply involved in the Apollo space program.

Delos Bezold said the thought of spending nights in a hotel room during the months of the trial "would have me climbing the walls."

Mrs. Betty J. Craker said if she stayed away from her job for a month she would be fired.

After Bezold's comment, the judge said that while the jury will be locked up nights, it will be able to enjoy "monitored" radio and television programs and read newspapers after they had been "cut into pieces."

The judge ordered the jury sequestered to protect it from possible influence of trial publicity.